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**DIVER JEFF HIRST and SWIMMER MARIE-THERESE ARMENTERO  
ARE THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**

Diver **Jeff Hirst** and swimmer **Marie-Therese Armentero** are the University of Toronto's 1986-87 Athletes of the Year. Winners of other major U of T athletics awards include ice hockey scoring star **Don McLaughlin**, field hockey All-Canadian **Karen Whitfield**, swimmer **Marco Cavazzoni** and basketball scoring leader **Sam Hill**.

Staff member **Kirk Wipper**, a Professor in the U of T's School of Physical and Health Education, received the Loudon Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of athletics at the University.

The awards were presented at the annual U of T Intercollegiate Awards Banquet, held tonight in the Commonwealth Ballroom of the Downtown Holiday Inn. More than 500 student-athletes earned "First Colour" awards in recognition of their participation on one or more of the Varsity Blues 23 men's and 22 women's intercollegiate teams during the 1986-87 season.

**Gib Chapman**, Director of Athletics, noted that the U of T had continued its tradition of competitive excellence, as the Blues won national CIAU titles in women's Field Hockey (a second successive undefeated season) and women's Swimming & Diving (for the 7th time in the past 9 years). In addition, Blues placed second at the CIAU level in women's Cross Country and in men's Soccer, Swimming & Diving and Indoor Track & Field. **Byron MacDonald** (women's Swimming), **Jim Lefkos** (Soccer) and **Tom Bertrand** (Gymnastics) were voted CIAU Coach of the Year.

At the Ontario league level, Blues won a total of 15 titles, the most of any university in the province. Varsity's women's teams won OWIAA titles in Badminton, Cross Country, Field Hockey (Indoor and Outdoor), Squash, Swimming & Diving, Synchronized Swimming and Indoor Track and Field. Blues also won men's OUAA titles in Badminton, Soccer, Swimming & Diving (for a record 27th consecutive year), Tennis, Track & Field (Indoor and Outdoor) and Volleyball.

Details on the award winners and nominees, plus Blues team results are attached. For additional information, please contact: **Paul Carson**, Sports Information Officer, (416) 978-4112; 465-5224.



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**MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR -- T-HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION AWARD**

**WINNER -- JEFF HIRST, DIVING, Etobicoke, Ontario**

Jeff, 24, is a national team member and was a Commonwealth Games finalist; he won all four possible gold medals at the CIAU and OUAA finals and was named Diver of the Year in both competitions. He is in 5th-year Physical and Health Education and is a graduate of Silverthorne Collegiate.

The award was presented by **Stewart Scott**, President of the Men's T-Holders' Association.

The other nominees were:

**MARCO CAVAZZONI--Swimming, Vaudrueil, P.Q.;**

A 3rd-year Engineering student, Marco is a member of the national team and will represent Canada this summer at the World Student Games in Yugoslavia; he is also the winner of the Competition in Peace Award(see page 5 ).

**MARC DUNN--Volleyball, North Bay, Ont. Widdifield High School;**

A 3rd-year Physical and Health Education student, Marc is a CIAU first team All-Canadian, a three-time OUAA All-Star and a candidate for the national team this summer.

**ROSS GIRVAN--Track and Field, Etobicoke, Ont. Scarlett Heights CI;**

A 5th-year Physical and Health Education student, Ross won four gold medals at the 1986 OUAA outdoor championship, set an indoor pole vault record at 5.10m and won his second CIAU pole vault title; his best vault(5.30m) is the best-ever by a CIAU athlete.

**BLAIR HICKEN--Swimming, Rockwood, Ont. Central Tech(Toronto);**

A 1st-year Physical and Health Education student, Blair was a finalist at the 1986 World Championships and a Commonwealth Games silver medalist; he won the maximum possible 5 gold medals at the OUAA championship and is CIAU winner in the 100m freestyle.

**IVO HORAK--Gymnastics, North York, Ont. Earl Haig Collegiate;**

A 2nd-year University College student, Ivo won the CIAU all-around silver medal and was named an All-Canadian; he also won CIAU gold medals in floor, vault and horizontal bar in one of the toughest national championship meets in recent years.

**MARK PURDY--Soccer, Willowdale, Ont. Brebeuf College School;**

A 4th-year Scarborough College student, Mark was captain and Most Valuable Player of Blues 1986 championship team and national finalists; he was also an OUAA All-Star and All-Canadian.

**Previous Winners: 1986 - Kevin Hamlin, Ice Hockey**

**1985 - Randy Sageman, Diving; 1984 - Frank Balkovec, Football;**

**1983 - Stelio Zupancich, Hockey; 1982 - Randy Sageman, Diving;**

**1981 - Dan Feraday, Football; 1980 - Dan Thompson, Swimming**



**FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR -- T-HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION AWARD**

**WINNER -- MARIE-THERESE ARMENTERO, SWIMMING, Switzerland**

A third-year Biochemistry student at St. Michael's College and resident of Geneva, Switzerland, Marie-Therese joined the Blues this season after winning a bronze medal in freestyle at the 1986 World Aquatics Championships. Marie-Therese, 21, dominated the freestyle sprint events in Canada, winning a total of 8 CIAU and OWIAA gold medals. She established CIAU national records in the 50m and 100m freestyles, and was voted OWIAA Swimmer of the Year.

The award was presented by **Viiu Kanep**, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Women's T-Holders Association.

The other nominees were:

**KARIN HELMSTAEDT--Swimming, Kingston, Ont. Kingston Collegiate;**  
A 2nd-year Physical and Health Education student, Karin won two CIAU gold medals and was voted the CIAU women's Swimmer of the Year; she also won four OWIAA gold medals and was a finalist in the 200metre Individual Medley at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh; she will compete internationally this summer.

**MARY ANN KOWAL--Basketball, Sudbury, Ont. Sudbury Secondary;**  
A third-year Science student at Victoria College, Mary Ann is a member of Canada's National Senior team, a CIAU first-team All-Canadian and CIAU tournament All-Star and leading scorer; she was Blues leading scorer(23.3 points per game) and was named MVP at three invitational tournaments during the season.

**Previous Winners:**

1986 - **Pat Melville**, Basketball  
1985 - **Angela Orton**, Basketball  
1984 - **Terry Wheatley**, Field Hockey  
1983 - **Judy Garay**, Swimming; 1982 - **Jill Ross**, Track and Field  
1981 - **Phyllis Ellis**, Field Hockey  
1980 - **Jean Gourlay**, Field Hockey and **Jill Ross**, Track and Field

**THOMAS R. LOUDON AWARD -- To the person at the University for Outstanding Services in the Advancement of Athletics**

**RECIPIENT -- Prof. KIRK WIPPER**

A native of Manitoba, Kirk Wipper came to U of T in 1946 and was a three-time intercollegiate wrestling champion. He joined the teaching staff of the School of Physical and Health Education in 1950 and retires this spring. He was Blues wrestling coach for six seasons and has served for several years as Chairman of the U of T Athletics Council. Prof. Wipper is a world authority in canoeing and outdoor education, President of the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada and a Fellow of Explorers International. His many awards include the Government of Canada Centenary Medal and the Government of Ontario Achievement Award and Bicentennial Medal. He will be a Professor Emeritus at U of T next year.

**THE GEORGE M. BIGGS TROPHY** is presented annually to the male undergraduate who has contributed most to University athletics from the standpoint of leadership, sportsmanship and performance.

**WINNER -- DON McLAUGHLIN, ICE HOCKEY, Streetsville, Ont.**

Don, 24, is a Faculty of Education student and graduate of U of T's Erindale College. He is a four-time OUAA league All-Star and an All-Canadian this season, in which he set an OUAA single-season scoring record of 68 points. He was the OUAA nominee for CIAU Outstanding Player and for Most Sportsmanlike Player. Don is the co-winner of the Dafoe Trophy as the Hockey Blues MVP and was outstanding in the two-game series between the OUAA All-Stars and Team Canada.

The other nominees were:

**JIM BYRNE--Ice Hockey, Ottawa, Ont. Glebe Collegiate;**

A student in the Faculty of Education and graduate of U of T's St. Michael's College, Jim was the Blues captain and co-winner of the Dafoe Trophy as team MVP during the past season.

**PAUL COX--Volleyball, Midland, Ont. St. Theresa's High School;**

A graduating student from St. Michael's College, Paul is a four-time OUAA All-Star and has also served as a Blues captain for four years; he was an All-Canadian this season.

**GUIDO GEISLER--Soccer, Brampton, Ont. Central Peel Collegiate;**

A 2nd-year Physical and Health Education student, Guido's outstanding play has earned him two OUAA All-Star awards.

**JEFF HIRST--Diving--UofT Athlete of the Year.**

**ANDY McVEY--Football, Toronto, Ont. North Toronto Collegiate**

A 4th-year Forestry student, Andy has been the unanimous choice of his teammates for Blues captain during the past two seasons and was also voted the Blues MVP in both 1985 and 1986; he is a 1985 and 1986 OUAA All-Star and CFL draft selection by Calgary.

**JOHN SPICER--Volleyball, Scarborough, Ont. Cardinal Newman H.S.;**

A 4th-year Physical and Health Education student, John is a three-time OUAA All-Star and twice a Blues co-captain.

**Previous Winners: 1986 - Darren Lowe, Ice Hockey**

1985 - Ed Drakich, Volleyball and Randy Sageman, Diving

1984 - Tom Callaghan, Ice Hockey

1983 - Craig Samuel, Swimming and Water Polo

1982 - Greg Hemstreet, Swimming

1981 - Dan Thompson, Swimming and Mark Magee, Football

1980 - Joe Hawco, Football

**THE BENSON HONOUR AWARD** is presented annually to the female student in her graduating year selected for outstanding ability in athletics and scholarship.

**WINNER -- KAREN WHITFIELD, FIELD HOCKEY, Mississauga, Ont.**

A 4th-year Student in Physical and Health Education, Karen, 22, was co-captain of Blues 1986 national championship team and was named an All-Canadian and OWIAA All-Star. She also plays several intramural sports, works in the UofT fitness lab and coaches two field hockey teams at her former high school, Lorne Park Secondary School in Mississauga.

The other nominees were:

**THERESA BURNS--Basketball, Etobicoke Ont. Thistletown Collegiate;**  
A student in Physical and Health Education, Theresa is a four-time co-captain of the Basketball Blues and was named MVP in the 1986 CIAU championship game; winner of several All-Star awards, she coaches at her former highschool and has been active in the UofT summer camps and spring basketball league.

**PAM PROPHET--Track and Field, Brockville, Thousand Islands C.I.;**  
A 4th-year Pharmacy student, Pam has won 7 OWIAA gold medals and last month she played a key role in Blues OWIAA indoor title by scoring points in four different events.

**JANICE WRIGHT--Ice Hockey and Soccer, Toronto, Branksome Hall;**  
A Political Science major at Victoria College, Janice has been a member of two Varsity Blues teams and also very active in the intramural program as both a player and organizer.

**Previous Winners:**

1986 - **Wendy Baker**, Field Hockey  
1985 - **Monique Cadeau**, Track and Field  
1984 - **Julie Prendergast**, Field Hockey  
1983 - **Karen Wright**, Ice Hockey; 1982 - **Linda Baumann**, Basketball  
1981 - **Susan Rigney**, Gymnastics; 1980 - **Pam Gollish**, Tennis

The Benson and Biggs Awards were presented by Mr. **Eric McKee**, Assistant Vice-President, Student Services.

**THE VEHOVEC AWARD**, instituted this year, is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student, who has completed at least one winter session at the University, on the basis of outstanding achievement in academics and in intercollegiate athletics, and has demonstrated good sportsmanship.

**RECIPIENT -- MARCO CAVAZZONI SWIMMING**

A 3rd-year Engineering student, Marco is a member of the national team and will represent Canada this summer at the World Student Games in Yugoslavia; he is also a nominee as U of T's Male Athlete of the Year.



**THE COMPETITION IN PEACE AWARD**, donated last year by the B'Nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of the University of Toronto in memory of the eleven Israeli athletes murdered by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics, is awarded to a full-time student who has achieved a cumulative B average or better, has excelled in intercollegiate, national or international athletic competition and has demonstrated good sportsmanship and an active involvement in humanitarian services.

**RECIPIENT -- SAM HILL BASKETBALL**

A 4th-year student in Physical and Health Education and graduate of Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto, Sam, 23, was the Blues leading scorer and Most Valuable Player this season, an OUAA first team All-Star and the MVP at the McMaster Tournament. He is active with inner-city youth groups and conducts high school basketball clinics for the Toronto Board of Education.

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS**

The Department of Athletics and Recreation recognized several student-athletes who have made an outstanding contribution to the athletics and recreation programs at the University of Toronto. The awards were presented by Mr. Chapman and Prof. Wipper.

**The Mossie M. Kirkwood Award**, donated last year by the Women's T-Holders' Association, is awarded to an undergraduate member of the Department of Athletics and Recreation Council or one of its four constituent committees in recognition of a substantial contribution to the Council and its Committees.

**Winner: MARK WADEY.**

Mark is a member of the Athletics Council, chairman of the Spirit Challenge Committee, a key member of the Fitness Challenge Committee, a member of the Blues golf team and also Football equipment manager. He is a graduating Physical and Health Education student from Scarborough, Ontario.

**The Hill-Powell Administrative Award**, presented annually to the female student contributing most to the administration of the Department of Athletics and Recreation programs during the current year. **Winner: SANDRA APPLEBY**

Sandra is chairperson of the Women's Intramural Sports Committee and Vice-Chair of the U of T Athletics Council. She is a graduating student in Physical and Health Education and serves as President of the PHE women's athletic association. She was a member of the Blues swimming team for two years, and is a resident of Willowdale.

**The John E. "Mac" McCutcheon Award**, donated last year by the Men's T-Holders' Association, is presented to the male student contributing the most to the administration of the Department of Athletics and Recreation programs. **Winner: ANDREW LINDSAY**

Andrew is a member of the Co-ed recreational athletics committee, participates in several intramural sports and is also an assistant in the Sports Information office. He is a third-year student in Physical and Health Education and lives in Scarborough.

**The Marie Parkes Memorial Award** is presented on the basis of academic achievement and significant involvement in the women's athletics programs. **Winner: SANDRA APPLEBY**

**The Angus Erskine Memorial Bursary** is also awarded on the basis of academic achievement and participation in the women's athletics programs. **Winner: TIJA WESTBROOK**

Tija has played for four years on the Blues field hockey team, including the national championship squads in 1985 and 1986. She is also active in several intramural sports and is an assistant in the Sports Information office. She is a fourth-year student in Physical and Health Education and lives in Calgary, Alberta.

### **SILVER "T" AWARDS**

The University of Toronto Silver T is presented primarily to Bronze T holders (winners of 3 First Colour awards) in their graduating year, who have accomplished truly outstanding athletic performance, such as setting a league or national record, or selection to an All-Star team. In voting for these awards, the Intercollegiate Committee may take into consideration other truly outstanding contributions to the University's athletics program. The Silver T awards were presented by Provost Foley and Mr. Chapman. The recipients for 1986-87 are:

**LORRAINE ADAMS--SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING--**A 4th-year Engineering student from Mississauga, Lorraine was co-winner of the Swimmer of the Meet Award in 1986 and shared the gold medal in duet this season in helping Blues to their first-ever OWIAA team title.

**JIM BYRNE--ICE HOCKEY--**A student in the Faculty of Education and native of Ottawa, Jim was the Blues captain this season and co-winner of the Dafoe Trophy as team MVP; he has served as assistant captain for two seasons and was MVP in 1984-85.

**DAVIN GIBBONS--TENNIS--**A first-year graduate student in Statistics and resident of Etobicoke, Davin is undefeated in OUAA doubles finals with 3 gold medals and is ranked in the top 5 in Ontario open competition. High School: Martingrove Collegiate

**ROSS GIRVAN--TRACK and FIELD--**A graduating student in Physical and Health Education and resident of Etobicoke, Ross holds the Canadian university record in pole vault at 5.30 metres and has won 11 OUAA individual gold medals while on 10 championship teams.

**SAM HILL--BASKETBALL--**A 4th-year student in Physical and Health Education and graduate of Jarvis Collegiate, Sam was the Blues leading scorer and Most Valuable Player this season, an OUAA first team All-Star and the MVP at the McMaster Tournament.

**KAREN HUGHES--ICE HOCKEY and SOCCER--**A 4th-year Commerce student at Scarborough College, Karen has been an outstanding player on two Varsity teams: captain and an OWIAA All-Star in soccer, and also a captain and leading scorer in Ice Hockey.



**CATHERINE JONES--FIELD HOCKEY--**A 4th-year Physical and Health Education student from Hamilton, Catherine is an OWIAA All-Star goaltender and has been a key member of 7 championship teams; she also plays on the Ontario Senior and National Under-23 teams.  
High School: Southmount Collegiate

**ANDY McVEY--FOOTBALL--**A 4th-year Forestry student from Toronto, Andy has been the Blues captain and Most Valuable Player for the past two seasons; he is an OUAA All-Star and CFL draft choice.

**KELLY MILNE--SWIMMING--**A 4th-year Physical and Health Education student from London, Kelly's career includes four CIAU gold medals plus several other medals at the league and national level. High School: Medway High School(London)

**MARK PURDY--SOCCER--**A 4th-year Scarborough College student from Willowdale, Mark was captain and MVP of Blues 1986 championship team and also an All-Canadian; he was captain and OUAA All-Star in 1985 and a member of the 1982 championship team.

**KAREN WHITFIELD--FIELD HOCKEY--**A 4th-year Physical and Health Education student from Mississauga, Karen is a 1986 All-Canadian and has played on 7 championship teams, winning 5 All-Star awards; she has also played for 6 years on the provincial team.

#### 1986-87 CIAU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>
BASKETBALL	VICTORIA(Blues 5th)	BRANDON
CROSS COUNTRY	VICTORIA(Blues 2nd)	OTTAWA
FIELD HOCKEY	<b>TORONTO</b>	
FOOTBALL		U.B.C.
GYMNASTICS	MANITOBA	YORK
ICE HOCKEY		TROIS RIVIERES
SOCCER		U.B.C.(Blues 2nd)
SWIMMING/DIVING	<b>TORONTO</b>	CALGARY(Blues 2nd)
INDOOR TRACK	CALGARY	SASKATCHEWAN(Blues 2nd)
VOLLEYBALL	WINNIPEG	WINNIPEG(Blues 5th)
WRESTLING		CONCORDIA

**1986-87 ONTARIO INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS and UofT Results**

BADMINTON: Men: **Toronto**; Women: **Toronto**

BASKETBALL: Men: McMaster(Blues won East Division)

Women: Laurentian(Blues 5th in final tournament)

CROSS COUNTRY: Men: Ottawa(Blues 4th); Women: **Toronto**

CURLING: Men: Western(Blues 2nd); Women: Queen's(Blues 4th)

FENCING: Men: McMaster(Blues 2nd in foil, 4th in sabre);

Women: Western(Blues 2nd)

FIELD HOCKEY: Women Outdoor: **Toronto**; Women Indoor: **Toronto**

FIGURE SKATING: Queen's(Blues 5th)

FOOTBALL: Men: Western(Blues 7th)

GOLF: Windsor(Blues 2nd)

GYMNASTICS: Men: York(Blues 2nd); Women: McMaster(Blues 4th)

ICE HOCKEY: Men: York(Blues 3rd); Women: York(Blues 3rd)

ROWING: Men: Western(Blues 4th); Women: Western(Blues 4th)

ALPINE SKIING: Men: Western(Blues 5th); Women: Queen's(Blues 3rd)

NORDIC SKIING: Men: Carleton(Blues 9th); Women: Queen's(Blues DNP)

SOCCER: Men: **Toronto**; Women: Western(Blues 4th)

SQUASH: Men: Western(Blues 3rd); Women: **Toronto**

SWIMMING and DIVING: Men: **Toronto** (27th consecutive season)

Women: **Toronto**(10th title in 11 seasons)

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: Women: **Toronto**

TENNIS: Men: **Toronto**(tied with Western)

Women: Western(Blues 6th)

OUTDOOR TRACK: Men: **Toronto**(8th consecutive season)

Women: McMaster(Blues 2nd)

INDOOR TRACK: Men: **Toronto**(15th consecutive season)

Women: **Toronto**

VOLLEYBALL: Men: **Toronto**; Women: York(Blues 4th)

WATER POLO: Men: Ottawa(Blues 3rd)

WRESTLING: York(Blues 8th)

